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FOR JENKINS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: CODEL FREILINGHUYSEN

REF: STATE 52202

1. AMBASSADOR WELCOMES VISIT OF CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. FRELINGHUYSEN AND CORDIALLY INVITES THEM TO STAY AT SPASO HOUSE DURING MOSCOW STOPOVER.

2. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY, SOVIET MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT FRELINGHUYSENS ARE AMONG 40 GUESTS INVITED TO JOINT INAUGURAL FLIGHT. MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES ALSO STATED THAT APRIL 5 FLIGHT IS TECHNICAL TRIP TO TEST SCHEDULING, SERVICES AND MECHANICAL/PROCEDURAL DETAILS AND THAT DATE FOR OFFICIAL INAUGURAL FLIGHT HAS NOT YET BEEN VIXED. MINISTRY PROMISED NOTIFY EMBASSY WHEN SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON IS SENT INFORMATION ABOUT PRECISE DATE FOR INAUGURAL FLIGHT AND MOSCOW PROGRAM FOR PARTICIPANTS. AFTER BEING PRESSED, MINISTRY OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT FLIGHT TO WHICH FRELINGHUYSENS INVITED WILL TAKE PLACE "TOWARD END OF APRIL."

3. ALTHOUGH THERE IS DAILY NON-STOP SERVICE MOSCOW-
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TOKYO BETWEEN AEROFLOT AND WESTERN CARRIERS (JAPAN AIR-

LINES, ALITALIA, BRITISH AIRWAYS, AIR FRANCE AND LUFTHANSA), ONLY AEROFLOT MAKES INTERMEDIATE STOPS. MOST DIRECT ROUTE WOULD BE MOSCOW-NOVOSIBIRSK, NOVOSIBIRSK-KHABAROVSK, KHABAROVSK-NIIGATA (TWO JAL FLIGHTS PER WEEK, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYLN NIIGAT-TOYKO.

4. WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS SOVIETS FIX DATE AND PROGRAM FOR INAUGURAL WASHINGTON- MOSCOW FLIGHT. STOESEL

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